



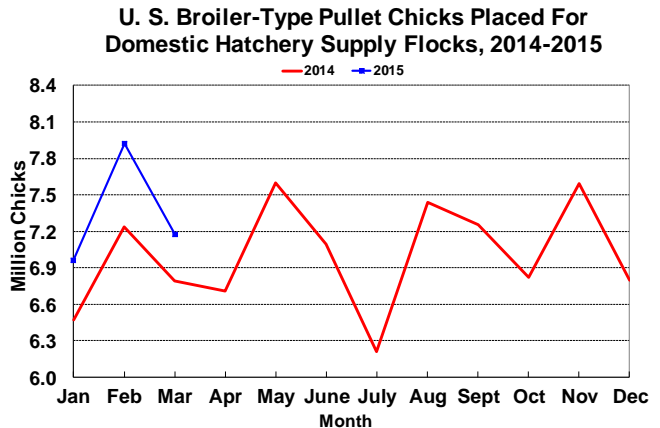
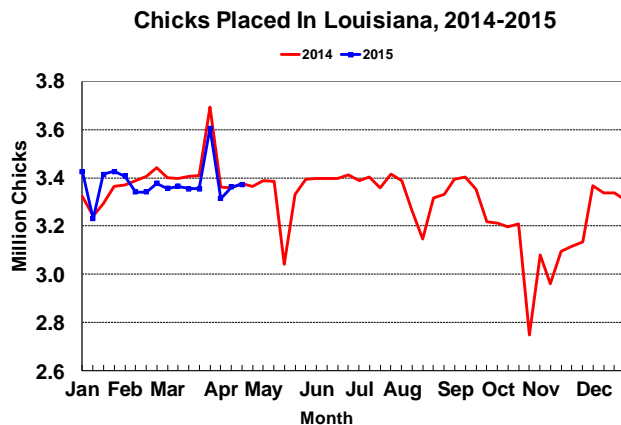
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Louisiana Chick Placements Down Slightly from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 3.72 million during the week ending April 18, 2015. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2014 but up slightly from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.83 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 1 percent from the same period last year but unchanged from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.18 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2015, up 6 percent from March 2014.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 21, 2015 - April 18, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr
Alabama	29,294	28,730	29,684	29,024	29,535	22,172	21,925	21,682	21,919	21,325
Arkansas	21,083	21,991	22,057	21,924	21,696	18,639	19,102	17,728	17,952	20,838
Delaware	4,578	4,670	4,670	4,922	4,736	5,427	5,425	5,541	4,293	5,226
Florida	1,200	1,199	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,007	1,209	1,320	1,455	1,328
Georgia	32,871	34,553	34,046	33,855	34,231	25,499	25,969	26,106	26,387	27,021
Kentucky	7,651	7,718	7,684	7,720	7,884	6,392	5,588	6,248	6,359	5,740
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,355	3,606	3,315	3,362	3,372
Maryland	7,581	7,838	7,856	7,896	7,989	5,649	5,986	5,675	6,115	6,575
Mississippi	17,841	17,935	17,728	17,823	17,567	14,842	14,436	15,007	15,097	15,512
Missouri	8,310	8,229	8,212	8,415	8,266	6,298	5,474	5,739	6,296	5,742
N. Carolina	21,045	21,286	21,249	21,588	20,733	16,656	15,944	17,410	16,907	17,242
Oklahoma	6,568	6,732	6,726	6,610	6,672	4,635	3,954	5,079	4,915	3,632
Pennsylvania	4,487	4,302	4,594	4,603	4,647	4,123	4,063	3,735	3,952	3,850
S. Carolina	5,852	5,721	5,761	5,516	5,851	4,770	6,019	4,778	4,849	4,653
Texas	14,622	15,304	15,633	15,859	15,538	12,703	12,748	11,619	11,909	12,536
Virginia	6,536	6,534	6,534	6,534	6,553	5,637	5,568	6,003	5,557	5,019
CA,TN & WV	11,849	11,797	12,901	12,551	12,333	11,753	11,103	11,191	10,624	11,418
19 State Total	205,201	208,372	210,369	209,895	209,287	169,557	168,119	168,176	167,948	171,029
% of Prev. Year	102	103	103	102	102	102	101	101	103	104
Other States	8,243	8,141	7,753	8,398	8,267	6,249	6,190	6,114	6,553	6,310
U.S. Total	213,444	216,513	218,122	218,293	217,554	175,806	174,309	174,290	174,501	177,339

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 18, 2015 for the United States were 2.63 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.